

52. The method according to Claim 22, wherein said polysaccharide is administered in the form of a rectally administrable pharmaceutical composition comprising HPMC in an amount of about 1 to about 20 g per unit dose. - -

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6, and 8-15 and 22-52 remain pending after amendment.

By this amendment, new method claims 42-52 are added. The new method claims correspond in scope to pending composition claims 2-14. No new matter is added by this amendment.

The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

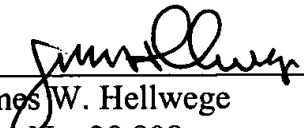
In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact James W. Hellwege (Reg. No. 28,808) at (703) 205-8000 to discuss such matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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